

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 9 and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1, 5, and 13 to read:

1. (Amended) Apparatus for stabilizing an epicardial surface of the heart, comprising:

a shaft; and

a foot coupled to the shaft, the foot having a first arm, a second arm, and a space between the first and second arms, the first and second arms each having a contact surface for engaging the heart, a proximal end, a distal end and a length defined between the proximal and distal ends and within a plane defined by the bottom surface of said foot, the length of the first arm being longer than the length of the second arm.

5. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein:

the first and second arms each have different shapes.

13. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for stabilizing an epicardial surface of the heart comprising:

an arm;

a foot including a bottom surface having a contact surface for engaging the heart, a slot in which a vessel on the heart may be positioned, wherein at least a portion of the bottom surface is convex; and

the contact surface is generally convex when viewed along a central axis defined by the slot.